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RUSSIA PROBE

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Report: Mueller finds no evidence of coordination with Russians but details Trump's efforts to thwart inquiry

Attorney general: He cites constitutional restraints in declining to charge the president but does not exonerate him

By Mark Mazzetti
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » Robert Mueller revealed a frantic, monthslong effort by President Donald Trump to thwart the investigation into Russia's 2016 election interference, cataloging in a report released on Thursday the attempts by Trump to escape an inquiry that imperiled his presidency from the start.

Mueller

Trump

The much-anticipated report laid out how a team of prosecutors working for Mueller, the special counsel, wrestled with whether the president's actions added up to an indictable offense of obstruction of justice for a sitting president. They ultimately decided not to charge Trump, citing numerous legal and factual constraints but pointedly declined to exonerate him.

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INSIDE: Trump claims victory with Mueller report out. PAGE A14

KEY FINDINGS FROM REDACTED REPORT

Probe begins: After hearing that a special counsel had been appointed to investigate Russia's election interference, President Trump cursed and declared: "This is the end of my presidency."

Undue influence: The probe didn't exonerate Trump on obstruction-of-justice allegations. Rather, investigators revealed: "multiple acts by the president ... capable of exerting undue influence."

Trump's requests: Trump's attempts to influence the investigation failed "largely because the persons who surrounded the president declined to carry out orders or accede to his requests."

Incomplete: The probe may be incomplete because of lies and misdirection by witnesses, assertions of Fifth Amendment rights, destruction of evidence and failed access to overseas witnesses.

ABOVE: Attorney General William Barr speaks about the release of a redacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's report Thursday at the Department of Justice in Washington.

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Politics: Schiff says report proves he's right about Trump-Russia collusion, obstruction

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BURBANK » As the administration tried to dance on his political grave, Congressman Adam Schiff sounded anything but defeated Thursday, claiming the newly released special counsel report confirmed — rather than refuted — his charges that the Donald Trump campaign colluded with Russia.

Schiff

At a midday news conference at Burbank City Hall, Schiff said the report by Robert Mueller and his team of investigators on Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential campaign revealed "damning" information even if the probe didn't prove criminal conspiracy.

"Whether these acts are criminal or not, whether the obstruction of justice was criminal or not, or whether these

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ONLINE: To read the redacted Mueller report, go to JUSTICE.GOV/STORAGE/REPORT.PDF

ANAHEIM

USOC delivers ultimatum

Badminton governing body is threatened with decertification

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The U.S. Olympic Committee in a thorough and damning rebuke of USA Badminton operations and culture said it would be appropriate to decertify the Anaheim-based national governing body because of the "severity" of its continued deficiencies regarding athlete safety, financial and accounting practices and governance, according to a letter obtained by The Orange County Register.

Instead, USOC has given USA Badminton until July 15 to make a series of wide-ranging reforms or the USOC will begin proceedings to strip USA Badminton of its NGB status, C. Onye Ikwuakor, the USOC's associate general counsel wrote in a Monday letter to USA Badminton chief executive officer Jeff Dyrek and Ben Lee, chairman of the NGB's board of directors.

Those reforms must include "significant" changes in USA Badminton's staff and board of directors, Ikwuakor said.

"At this time, due to USA Bad-

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CALIFORNIA

New panel will redraw district maps

Independent commission will oversee election boundaries in the state, based on the 2020 census

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Huge electoral change is coming to California politics in three years, and it'll happen no matter how citizens vote.

The change in question is legislative redistricting, the redrawing of electoral boundaries that will reshape voting districts — literally and figuratively — based on what the 2020 census says about changes in California's population.

For some residents, new districts will mean new legislative

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PASADENA

Parents trying to unite sisters

Couple discover girl they adopted from China has sibling, hatch Easter fundraiser

By Joshua Rosen
Correspondent

Five years ago, a Pasadena family adopted a girl from China. Last year they discovered she has a sister.

Now they're desperately trying to bring her to Pasadena, too, and they've created an Easter egg hunt to help accomplish the task.

When Sidney Pogatchnik and her husband adopted Ellie, now 7, from Lanzhou, China, in 2014, nobody knew that she had a biological sister, not even the orphanage.

"I think it's crazy, I still do! I'm kind of getting used to it now, but even when I just stop for a minute and think about it. ..." Pogatchnik said, her voice trailing off. "The only reason we figured the whole thing out is because my mom saw a picture of her."

Pogatchnik's mother was scrolling

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Sidney Pogatchnik with daughters Ellie, 7, and Mirabel, 3. The family is sponsoring an Easter-related fundraiser to help cover the costs of adopting Ellie's half sister, who still is in China.

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FRANCE

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Notre Dame Cathedral fire might have been electrical

A French judicial police official said investigators think an electrical short-circuit most likely caused the Notre Dame Cathedral fire. PAGE A9

COACHELLA

Under-the-radar local acts, new visuals and lots more to soak up during the final weekend of the festival

The second weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival kicks off at the Empire Polo Club in Indio today. PAGE C1

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